

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (New) A whirlpool bathtub comprising a tub part for holding water having a bottom, at least one recess in the bottom of the tub part, a substantially horizontal sealing edge surrounding the at least one recess, a releasable bottom element covering the at least one recess which abuts sealingly against the sealing edge, the at least one recess and the bottom element together forming a distributing chamber for air, a plurality of through-flow apertures in the bottom element for supplying air from the distributing chamber to the water in tub part and at least one device for supplying air to the distributing chamber, wherein the sealing edge and the bottom element are circular and are symmetrical about a vertical axis through a central area of the at least one recess, and the bottom element is provided with a centrally located attachment device which acts together with a corresponding attachment device in the central area of the at least one recess to releasably hold the bottom element in place.

15. (New) The whirlpool bathtub of claim 14, having at least two identically shaped recesses in the bottom of the tub part, each having the sealing edge and the associated releasable bottom element.

16. (New) The whirlpool bathtub of claim 14, wherein the bottom elements' through-flow apertures are arranged asymmetrically about the vertical axis.

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17. (New) The whirlpool bathtub of claim 14, wherein the bottom element is rotatable about the centrally located attachment device for rotating the bottom element to a desired position with regard to the position of the through-flow apertures.

18. (New) The whirlpool bathtub of claim 15, wherein the at least two recesses are supplied with air from the same at least one device for supplying air.

19. (New) The whirlpool bathtub of claim 14, wherein the at least one device for supplying air is a device for supplying air and draining water.

20. (New) The whirlpool bathtub of claim 14, wherein the tub part has one recess located in a lower horizontal plane and an additional number of recesses located in an upper horizontal plane, and each recess which is located in the upper horizontal plane is fluid-relatedly connected with the recess in the lower horizontal plane by a channel.

21. The whirlpool bathtub of claim 19, wherein the at least one device for supplying air and draining water is a valve device having a housing which is provided with an inlet for air and an outlet for air to the at least one recess, an inlet for water from the whirlpool bathtub and an outlet for water, and a valve for closing the outlet for water.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

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